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1. The platform of the Overseas Association of North Korea includes the following items:

- a. To give positive support to the patriotic war of self-defense for the democratic independence of the Fatherland led by MAO Tse-tung; to oppose the invasion of China by U. S. imperialists; and to oppose the betrayal of our country, dictatorship, and civil war of the KMT reactionary CHIANG Kai-shek.
- b. To give positive support to Marshal Stalin and the Soviet army, who aided the liberation of the Chinese people and to the great friend of the Chinese people General KIM Il-sŏng; and the Korean Democratic Government led by him; to participate actively in the enterprise of Korean democratic national rehabilitation; and to promote closer union between the peoples of China and Korea.
- c. To support and carry out firmly the land reform, the labor laws, and all other policies and laws of the North Korean Democratic Government; to organize the Overseas Chinese, step up production, solve their difficulties, and improve their living standards.
- d. To stamp out the remnants of enemy Fascist education and blind orthodox ideology; to establish overseas Chinese schools and promote cultural enterprises such as newspapers and bookshops; and to push the cultural education of new democracy among the overseas Chinese masses.

2. The draft of the constitution of the Overseas Chinese Association of North Korea contains the following provisions:

Chapter I: General Provisions

Article 1. This association shall be known as the Overseas Chinese Association of North Korea.

Article 2. The Association shall be located for the time being in Pyongyang.

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- Article 3. This Association shall thoroughly enforce the four major principles as outlined in the platform, shall expand its services to overseas Chinese, and shall conduct various democratic activities under the leadership of the North Korean People's Committee.
- Article 4. All overseas Chinese over 18 years old residing in North Korea, regardless of sex, who accept the platform and constitution of this Association, who have no anti-democratic ideas or conduct, and who wish to join this Association, may join the Association as members.

Chapter II: Rights and Duties of Members

- Article 5. The rights of members are as follows:
- a. All members of the Association have the right to elect, to be elected, to demand a second vote, or to dismiss.
 - b. They have the right to submit problems to the Association and to express their opinions.
 - c. They have the right of first priority in enjoying benefits of public welfare enterprises conducted by the Association.
 - d. They have the right to request the Association to act on their behalf in arranging their return to China.
 - e. When a member returns to China, he has the right to request the Association to provide letters of recommendation and certification.
 - f. All members have the right to ask the Association for aid in securing jobs.
 - g. All members and their children have the right to ask the Association for aid in entering schools.
 - h. Members confronted with special problems or troubles have the right to ask the Association for aid in solving them.
- Article 6. It is the duty of the members of this Association to abide strictly by the laws of the North Korean Democratic Government, to uphold the platform and constitution of this Association, to execute the resolutions of the Association, and to pay the Association dues.

Chapter III: Organization and Function.

Part I. Organization of the General Association

- Article 7. The supreme organ of authority within the Association is the General Assembly of Members, which shall be convened once a year by the Executive Committee of the Association. However, when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee or when requested by over one third of the total membership, a provision General Assembly of Members may be convened by the Executive Committee. The number of representatives to the General Assembly of Members shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The participating representatives must include representatives from all classes and professional groups.

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- Article 8. The functions of the General Assembly of Members of the Association are as follows:
- To hear, discuss, and approve the work reports of the Executive Committee and to formulate the basic principles and policies of the Association.
 - To decide and amend the Association platform and constitution.
 - To elect the Executive Committee of the Association.
 - To examine and approve the Association budgets and to study and solve the financial problems of the Association.
- Article 9. The number of members of the Executive Committee of the Association shall be determined by the General Assembly of Members.
- Article 10. The Executive Committee of the Association shall be the organ of supreme authority within the association during the period when the General Assembly of Members is not in session. Its functions are as follows:
- To execute the resolutions of the General Assembly of Members.
 - To guide, inspect, and aid the work of the Association.
 - To receive guidance from the North Korean People's Committee and to maintain contact and negotiate with the various government organs.
 - To convene the General Assembly of Members.
- Article 11. The Executive Committee of the Association shall elect a Standing Committee of seven to nine members to handle and guide the Association affairs. The chairman and vice-chairman of the Association shall also be elected from among the members of the Standing Committee.
- Article 12. In order to carry out the duties outlined in Article 10, the Standing Committee shall establish organization, propaganda, education, and general affairs departments under the Association. Their individual functions are as follows:
- The chairman shall represent the whole membership in dealing with the outside. Within the Association, he shall guide, inspect, and enforce the work of various departments.
 - The vice-chairman shall assist the chairman in all work. When the chairman is absent, he shall act in his stead.
 - The Organization Committee shall consolidate the Association set up, control the increase and decrease of membership in various areas, train and assign staff workers, inspect the condition of overseas Chinese in various areas, etc.

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- d. The Propaganda Department shall rally overseas Chinese to support the patriotic war of self-defense in the fatherland, propagandize the support of the democratic laws and policies of North Korea, propagandize the four items of the platform of the Association and the work of the Association, guide overseas Chinese publications, theatrical groups, and bookstores, guide the propaganda work in the provinces, etc.
- e. The Education Department shall guide the Overseas Chinese Middle School, the overseas Chinese primary schools in various areas, night classes, newspaper-reading classes, and other social education enterprises.
- f. The General Affairs Department shall handle the general affairs and financial matters of the Association, inspect the budget and financial status of the provincial associations, collect membership dues, etc.

Article 13. The chairman of the Association, if he deems it necessary, may establish in addition a Secretariat to handle liaison and documentary matters.

Article 14. The Executive Committee of the Association shall meet once every three months. However, if deemed necessary by the Standing Committee or if demanded by over one third of the Executive Committee members, a provisional Executive Committee or an enlarged Executive Committee may be convened. The Standing Committee shall meet twice a month.

Article 15. The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be tentatively fixed at one year.

Part II. Organization of Provincial and City Associations

Article 16. The Provincial (or City) Assembly of Members shall be the organ of supreme authority within the province (or city). The Provincial (City) Assembly shall convene once a year upon approval by the General Association. The number of representatives to the Provincial Assembly shall be determined by the provincial Executive Committee with the approval of the General Association. The participating representatives must include representatives from all classes and professional groups.

Article 17. The functions of the Provincial (City) Assembly are as follows:

- a. To hear, discuss and approve the work reports of the provincial (city) Executive Committee.
- b. To discuss and decide the functions of the provincial (city) association, on the basis of the resolutions of the General Association.
- c. To elect the provincial (city) Executive Committee and the representatives to the General Assembly on the basis of the decisions of the General Association.

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- Article 18. The provincial (city) Executive Committee shall be the organ of supreme authority within the provincial (city) association during the period when the provincial (city) Assembly is not in session. Its functions are as follows:
- a. To carry on the affairs of the association on the basis of the instructions of the General Association and the resolutions of the provincial (city) Assembly.
 - b. To guide and inspect the work of the various county and city associations.
 - c. To solve the problems of members of the provincial (city) association and to refer to the General Association those problems it cannot solve.
 - d. To accept guidance from the provincial (city) People's Committees of North Korean and to maintain contact and negotiate with various government organs.
 - e. To convene the provincial (city) Assembly.
- Article 19. The provincial (city) Executive Committee shall elect a Standing Committee of five to seven members to handle the daily affairs of the association. The chairman and vice-chairman of the provincial association shall be elected from among the members of the Standing Committee.
- Article 20. In order to carry out the duties outlined in Article 18, the provincial (city) Standing Committee shall organize organization, propaganda, education, and general affairs sections under the provincial (city) association. Their individual functions shall be as follows:
- a. The chairman shall represent the entire provincial membership in dealing with the outside. Within the association, he shall guide, inspect, and enforce the work of various sections.
 - b. The vice-chairman shall assist the chairman in all work. When the chairman is absent, he shall act in his stead.
 - c. The Organization Section shall consolidate the provincial association set up, control the increase and decrease of members in various areas, direct the provincial staff workers, inspect the condition of overseas Chinese in various parts of the province (city), etc.
 - d. The Propaganda-Education Section shall conduct propaganda and education work in local areas in accordance with the instructions of the Propaganda and Education Departments of the General Association.
 - e. The General Affairs Section shall handle the general affairs and financial matters of the association, collect membership dues,

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and inspect the budget and financial status of county and city associations.

Article 21. The provincial (city) Executive Committee shall meet at least once every two months. However, on the basis of instructions from the General Association and if deemed necessary by the Standing Committee, or if demanded by over one third of the Executive Committee members, a provisional Executive Committee or an enlarged Executive Committee may be convened. The Standing Committee shall meet twice a month and shall submit a written report to the General Association once every two months.

Article 22. The term of office of the provincial (city) Executive Committee shall be tentatively fixed at one year.

Part III. Organization of County and City Associations and Lower Organs.

Article 23. Every county or city that has an overseas Chinese population of at least two hundred may organize a county or city association. In a county or city where the overseas Chinese population is less than two hundred, they may organize a branch or a group depending on the local situation. This branch or group may either be attached directly to its respective provincial (city) association or with the approval of the provincial association be attached to the adjoining county or city association.

Article 24. The organization and functions of the county or city association shall be similar to those of the provincial association. The county or city Standing Committee shall be composed of three to five persons, and it shall elect the chairman and vice-chairman. In addition, organization, propaganda, and general affairs officers may be appointed if necessary. In a county or city with fewer than three hundred overseas Chinese, the Standing Committee may be elected directly by the assembly of members or representatives.

Article 25. The county or city Executive Committee shall meet once every month, and the Standing Committee shall meet once every ten days. They shall report to the provincial association once a month.

Article 26. The term of office of the officers of county or city association shall be tentatively fixed at six months.

Article 27. The county or city association shall determine its lower set up depending on the number of its members, local conditions, and the occupation and sex of its members. In place where there are over five members, a group may organize; in places where there are over thirty members, a sub-branch may be organized; in places where there are over a hundred members, a branch may be organized, depending on the actual condition, and this branch shall represent the association in directing the work of several sub-branches and groups. The personnel set up of these lower organs shall be determined by the county or city association.

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Article 28. The number of full-time staff members of the city or county association (that is, those not engaged in production) shall be determined by the actual local conditions and needs. However, on the whole, it must not exceed the following numbers:

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| a. 300-500 Chinese | 1 staff member |
| b. 500-800 Chinese | 2 staff members |
| c. 800-1,000 Chinese | 3 staff members |
| d. Over 1,500 Chinese | 5 staff members |

Chapter IV: Association Funds

Article 29. The Association shall solve its own financial problems in accordance with the principle of self-support. The provincial, city, and county association shall solve their financial problems locally on the basis of general regulations laid down by the General Association.

Article 30. The associations shall derive their funds from membership dues. When a deficit arises, they may solicit contributions from the members, but before doing so, the action must be enacted by the appropriate Standing Committee and approved by the superior association. The raising of funds for primary schools in various areas shall be the responsibility of the school boards in these areas. However, before they can collect contributions from overseas Chinese, they must have the approval of the superior association.

Article 31. All expenditures must be in accordance with a definite budget. These budgets must be examined by the Standing Committees. The budget of the county association must then be approved by the provincial association and that of the provincial association by the General Association before they can become official. Arbitrary spending is forbidden.

Article 32. The financial status of the association must be made public to the members every season and also reported to the superior organization.

Chapter V: Supplementary Provisions

Article 33. This constitution shall be registered with the North Korean People's Committee and shall become valid upon its approval.

Article 34. Any amendment of this constitution shall be made by the General Assembly. Upon passage of this constitution, it shall be promulgated and enforced.

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